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The Acting Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations presents her compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with reference to his note SCPC/7/91/4-1 of 3 July 1991, has the honour to transmit to the Secretary-General the following information on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991).

All exportation of defence material from Finland as well as the transport of such material through the Finnish territory to a third country are regulated in the conventions and agreements binding upon Finland and the relevant domestic laws.

According to Act 659/67 Concerning the Implementation of Certain Obligations incumbent upon Finland as a Member of the United Nations, mandatory decisions of the Security Council, including e.g. a prohibition to export military equipment to certain areas, are binding upon Finland.

It is an established policy that Finland does not supply arms to belligerent States or crisis areas or areas where hostilities are likely to break out.

Since Iraq invaded Kuwait no authorizations for licences to export defence material to Iraq have been granted by the Government of Finland.

New York, 29 July 1991

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